

(Washington, D.C.) Congressman Tim Ryan today voted for The Transportation and Housing and Urban Development conference report, which includes \$1.2 million in investments for the 17th Congressional District. The bill provides resources to addresses the challenges of keeping our transportation system safe and strong, and ensuring that Americans have access to adequate housing. Across the nation, this bill invests \$40 billion in the nation's highway system for construction of new roads, repairs and improvements and \$1 billion to address deficient bridges.

The investments in this bill are expected to create 100,000 new jobs.

The Housing and Urban Development section of the bill includes \$3.79 billion for Community Development Block Grants, an increase of \$100 million above 2007; \$735 million for Housing for the Elderly programs; \$237 million for Housing for the Disabled and \$120 million for HOPE VI projects, \$21 million above 2007. The Democratic-led Congress again rejected the President's plan to eliminate the HOPE VI program.

"The passage of this bill ensures that needed projects in our District and across the nation are adequately funded, and makes sure that those who need assistance with housing issues get the help they need," said Congressman Ryan. "In addition, 15,500 new housing vouchers are being provided for our veterans, the disabled and low-income families. Both the Community Block Grants and the HOPE VI projects have had a great impact in my District, and we need to keep them funded."

The bill also provides \$599 million in Highway Safety Grants to encourage safety belt use, prevent drinking and driving, improve child safety and motorcyclist safety. The National Transportation Safety Board Safety Investigators will receive \$84.5 million to provide additional investigators to respond to and investigate transportation crashes.

Projects for the 17th Congressional District include:

Mahoning Avenue (Youngstown) Improvements, \$250,000

Portage Area Transit Authority Bus Purchase, \$300,000

Kent State Multimodal Transportation Facility, \$200,000

East Market Street (Warren) Widen/Improve Design, \$250,000

Beatitude House Restoration	\$200,000
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